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MOSCOW ENMOD MESSAGE NUMBER FOUR

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SUBJ: ENMOD DISCUSSIONS: FINAL PLENARY

BEGIN SUMMARY: AFTER SOVIETS FIRST AGREED TO AND THEN
REJECTED PRIVATE JOINT WORKING PAPER ON RESULTS OF
MEETINGS, WHICH THEY HAD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, FINAL
PLENARY ENDED WITH AGREEMENT ONLY ON BRIEF JOINT
PRESS RELEASE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN NOVEMBER 3 DRAFTING SESSION OF TWO DELOFFS
FROM EACH SIDE SOVIETS (KASHIRIN AND KAPRALOV)
TENTATIVELY AGREED TO PRIVATE JOINT WORKING PAPER.
TEXT INCLUDED AGREED REFERENCE TO QUOTE WIDESPREAD,
LONG LASTING, OR SEVERE UNQUOTE EFFECTS. PHRASE
REFERRING TO QUOTE RELEASE OR MANIPULATION OF
NATURAL PROCESSES OR FORCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DESTRUCTION OR DOING HARM UNQUOTE APPEARED AS SUBJECT
FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION, I.E., AS AGREED FRAMEWORK
FOR LATER DISCUSSION OF DEFINITION. TEXT MADE NO

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MENTION OF SOVIET DRAFT TREATY.

2. LATE ON NOVEMBER 3 SOVIET DELOFFS INFORMED US DELOFFS THAT FEDOROV WOULD NOT AGREE TO JOINT WORKING PAPER, INDICATING THAT PROBLEM WAS LACK OF REFERENCE TO SOVIET DRAFT TREATY. INSTEAD, FEDOROV PROPOSED TO SCRAP JOINT WORKING PAPER AND LIMIT OUTPUT OF CONFERENCE TO SHORT PRESS RELEASE.

3. DAVIES DISCUSSED SUBJECT FURTHER WITH FEDOROV DURING NOVEMBER 4 TRIP TO SOVIET EXPERIMENTAL WEATHER INSTITUTE AT OBNINSK. DAVIES EMPHASIZED TO FEDOROV THAT INSISTENCE UPON SOVIET DRAFT TREATY WAS NOT CONDUCIVE TO PROGRESS IN ENMOD DISCUSSIONS. FEDOROV IMPLIED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS INSISTENT. SINCE US INSTRUCTIONS CALLED FOR JOINT WORKING PAPER ONLY IF SOVIETS DESIRED ONE, DAVIES AGREED TO DROP IT AND GO WITH SHORT PRESS RELEASE.

4. BRIEF FINAL PLENARY ON NOVEMBER 5 APPROVED PRESS RELEASE. FEDOROV TOOK OCCASION TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT NEXT MEETING WOULD BEGIN WORK ON CONCRETE AGREEMENT. STOESSEL

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